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Fire Crews to Contain Hansel Valley Fire by Tonight

Salt Lake City, Utah -- The Hansel Valley South fire was about 70% contained by this afternoon, and is expected to be fully contained late tonight. The fire is currently burning in Box Elder County Southeast of Snowville. The fire has burned about 500 acres of private land composed mainly of sagebrush and pinion/juniper with pockets of cheat grass.

Fire crews from the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Box Elder and Weber Counties, and the Bureau of Land Management responded in shifting winds and fading daylight. In the initial phases, an air tanker applied a retardant line while a helicopter provided bucket drops. Crews made significant progress, working late into the night and started again this morning. A total of 62 personnel including engine crews, hand crews and hotshots have constructed fire line around the perimeter.

Well firm up the fire line tonight and complete some of the burn out areas Said Incident Commander, Greg Martz. We anticipate full containment by about 10:00 tonight.

Martz expects to release all but about ten personnel tomorrow, with the small contingent remaining to watch the fire and keep an eye out for hot spots.

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